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C O N F I D E N T I A L OSLO 1298

E.O. 11652: ADS-31 MAY 78
TAGS: OVIP (BROWN HAROLD)
SUBJECT: VISIT OF SECDEF TO NORWAY

REF: STATE 064257

1. CONTROL OFFICER (DATT) MET WITH MOD REP 15 MARCH AND
CONFIRMED THAT PROPOSED SECDEF VISIT TO NORWAY 12-13 APRIL
WOULD BE MOST WELCOME. ANTICIPATE FORMAL INVITATION FROM
MOD HANSEN WILL BE FORTHCOMING NLT 22 MARCH.

2. AMBASSADOR AND MRS LERNER EXTEND CORDIAL INVITATION TO
SECDEF (AND MRS BROWN, IF ACCOMPANING) TO STAY AT THEIR
RESIDENCE.

3. FOR PURPOSES OF PROGRAM PLANNING, REQUEST CLARIFY DESIRES
REGARDING NORTH NORWAY.

A. A VISIT TO THE BORDER AREA AT KIRKENES PROBABLY
WOULD BE THE MOST MEANINGFUL TO BOTH SECDEF AND HOSTS, BUT
WILL CONSUME THE ENTIRE DAY, WITH ETA OSLO NOT EARLIER THAN
1600-1730. A VISIT LIMITED TO COMMON HDQTRS AT BODO WOULD
MEET THE MINIMUM ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS, AND WOULD PERMIT
SOME ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES IN BODO AND OSLO (POSSIBLE
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CALLS ON PRIMIN AND FONMIN, POSSIBLE PRESS CONFERENCE).

B. IN EITHER CASE, RECOMMEND THAT SECDEF FLY DIRECT
TO NORTH NORWAY (PROBABLY BODO) IN ORDER TO SAVE THE 90
MINUTES REQUIRED FOR OSLO-BODO FLIGHT. MOD HANSEN, AND
PROBABLY CHOD GENERAL HAMRE WILL MEET SECDEF AND PARTY IN
NORTH NORWAY, THUS PERMITTING DISCUSSIONS IN FLIGHT THROUGH-
OUT THE DAY.

4. REQUEST ADVISE REQUIRED DEPARTURE TIME ON 13 APR IN THE
EVENT CALL ON PRIMIN MUST BE SCHEDULED THAT MORNING, ALSO,
AMB LERNER PROPOSES TO HOST WORKING BREAKFAST.

5. REQUEST ADVISE EXPECTED NUMBER AND COMPOSITION OF SECDEF
PARTY.

6. SCHEDULE PERMITTING, EMBASSY STRONGLY URGES SECDEF TO
HAVE BRIEF PRESS CONFERENCE SOMETIME DURING VISIT.

7. DATT PLANS TO MEET WITH MOD REP AGAIN ON 17 AND 20 MARCH,
WHEREAFTER WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE
AND AGENDA TOPICS.
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